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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

In re DANIEL DAVID,  
 Petitioner,

v.

Harley G. Lappin, Director of BOP,

Respondent.

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**PETITION FOR WRIT OF  
 HABEAS CORPUS**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

Petitioner Daniel David (hereafter "David") is a prisoner at Taft Correctional Center under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Prisons serving a sentence of thirty months for a 2004 conviction for mail fraud (18 U.S.C § 1341), use of a fictitious name for the purpose of conducting a fraudulent scheme (18 U.S.C. § 1342); and money laundering (18 U.S.C. § 1956(a)(1)(B)(I)).

Petitioner challenges the validity and lawfulness of his conviction under 28 U.S.C. §§2254(a), 2255, because the conviction was fatally marred by prosecutorial misconduct – namely, Brady violations -- variance claims, and the discovery of new evidence, each which

1 undermine the lawfulness of his conviction.

2 The thrust of the government's case against Petitioner focused on the theory that David  
3 defrauded long distance ("LD") carriers of no less than \$444,198.91 by placing toll-free calls  
4 from leased pay phones which required, as per FCC rules, that the long-distance carriers  
5 reimburse Petitioner a regulatory fee known as the "pay phone surcharge." The government  
6 argued that David placed thousands of such calls solely to generate revenue from the LD  
7 carriers' payment of this regulatory surcharge.  
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9 The government, however, failed to present to the jury the actual and unmistakable fact  
10 that the supposed victims in the case – namely, the long-distance phone companies – failed to  
11 lose a single cent because of David's activity. Ironically, and astonishingly, the supposed  
12 victims – the LD carriers -- profited handsomely from David's activity – a fact conveniently  
13 acknowledged by the government only *after* the conviction when David was sentenced to prison.  
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16 For this reason, David seeks relief via Habeas to overturn, modify, or vacate his sentence;  
17 or in the alternative, for an evidentiary hearing, to undue the lie that the government told the jury  
18 and this very District Court that LD carrier victims parted with money due to David's conduct.  
19 In actuality – as acknowledged only by the government after it secured its flawed conviction –  
20 David was convicted based on a bold lie that the victim(s) here lost money when the inapposite  
21 was indeed true.  
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23 Based upon these facts, David advances four claims for Habeas relief that: (1) the  
24 government's deliberate withholding of evidence resulted in the jury falsely believing that LD  
25 carriers were victimized by David's conduct; (2) that the facts presented at trial and at  
26 sentencing were at great variance to those pled in the charging Indictment; (3) that the  
27 government's acknowledgement at sentencing of their error constituted newly discovered  
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1 evidence which undermines the validity of the conviction; and (4) that this new evidence also  
2 proves the insufficiency of the conviction against David for the charges he is now serving. It is  
3 from these four legal claims that David now brings in the instant Petition.  
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## 5 **II. PARTIES**

6 David is an inmate at Taft Correctional Center in Taft, California stemming from a 2004  
7 conviction in U.S District Court for the Northern District of California (Case No. 02-00062 (SI)).

8 Harley G. Lappin is the Director of the Bureau of Prisons, and therefore responsible for  
9 the lawful custody, control, and housing of all federal prisoners under its jurisdiction.  
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## 11 **III. STATEMENT OF FACTS**

### 12 **(a) Regulatory Background**

13 In order to make sense of the instant issues, one must know the regulatory  
14 framework from which this case arose. As part of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, P.L.  
15 No. 104-104, 110 Stat. 56 (1996), Congress required that the FCC establish a compensation plan  
16 to reimburse pay phone owners when a customer used a pay phone without a coin deposit such  
17 when calling a toll free number or when using a calling card. Because such calls from pay  
18 phones did not include a coin deposit for the use of the pay phone, Congress and the FCC  
19 devised a method to “provide for compensation for access code calls and subscriber 800 and  
20 other toll-free number calls.” See Implementation of Pay Telephone Reclassification and  
21 Compensation Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Report and Order, 11 F.C.R.  
22 20,541, 20,543 (September 20, 1996). This “compensation” was ultimately termed the “pay  
23 phone surcharge,” and it ranged in cost from ¢.22-24 per call. Hence, pay phone owners levied  
24 this pay phone surcharge on a per call basis to the LD carriers who handled the calling traffic  
25 from a payphone; and this charge was paid directly by the LD carrier to the pay phone owners  
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1 although the LD carriers ultimately billed the consumer for this fee as the phone companies  
2 would then “pass it though to the 800 subscriber.” Id. at 20,550. The regulatory system  
3 envisaged, in other words, that the ultimate cost of a pay phone call to a toll-free number  
4 included the cost of the payphone surcharge paid for by the customer of the toll-free phone line.  
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6 Notably, however, the toll-free subscriber’s obligation to pay LD carriers for the cost of  
7 the toll-free call, plus the mark-up on the payphone surcharge, is not a charge or fee imposed by  
8 the FCC. This obligation is solely required according to the business-customer relationship  
9 between the toll-free subscriber and LD carrier. Of further consequence, the toll free customer  
10 and the pay phone owner have no agreement or consideration that the toll free subscriber pay the  
11 pay phone surcharge to the LD carrier. That obligation is solely constructed by the customer-  
12 provider relationship between toll free customer and the LD carriers.  
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16 **(b) David and Nisbet’s Calling Activity**

17 David and Scott Nisbet were childhood friends who had worked on previous phone  
18 business ventures in the past. (RT 613-14) In these endeavors, Nisbet generally provided the  
19 telecommunications expertise while David undertook the marketing and artistic responsibilities.

20 In 1997, Nisbet approached David concerning a telecom business arising out of the new  
21 telecommunications laws regarding payphone compensation.<sup>1</sup> (RT 614, 618). Based on past  
22 business dealings, Nisbet suspected that the LD carriers were not abiding by the new  
23 compensation rules for pay phone providers by failing to pay for *each* of the millions of calls  
24 coming from pay phones. (RT 618-19) At trial, David testified that he “didn’t know anything”  
25 about telecommunications, but Nisbet’s prodding induced him to help out a childhood friend as  
26 David had done in the past. Nisbet explained that the venture would survey the accuracy and  
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1 regularity with which the LD carriers paid payphone compensation to pay phone owners.<sup>2</sup> (RT  
2 619-20) David did not exactly understand the nature of the venture but followed Nisbet's lead  
3 in the planning and implementation. (RT 625) In order to assuage David's concerns about the  
4 plan, Nisbet contacted a FCC lawyer and friend named Johnny Askin, Esq. (RT 620-21) Nisbet  
5 told David that Askin approved of the business plan which had "an enormous effect" on David  
6 because it helped David believe that Nisbet was "doing some due diligence" in confirming the  
7 legality of the venture. (RT 624)  
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10 Askin was, in fact, contacted by Nisbet as Askin testified at trial. Askin testified that  
11 Nisbet contacted him while he was working in the FCC's Common Carrier Bureau and asked  
12 him whether, in the wake of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, the use of an autodialer to call  
13 toll free numbers would violate section 227 of the Act. (RT 509-10) Askin testified that he  
14 rendered an opinion that was neither meant as a FCC opinion or as legal advice given to Nisbet  
15 as a client. (513-14) Askin did remark that any alleged violation of section 227 of the Act  
16 would most likely be brought before the FCC rather than warranting a civil or criminal review.  
17 (RT 526-29)  
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19 With this "legal advice" in hand, Nisbet and David began ordering payphone lines to  
20 office spaces owned by David's father. (RT 625) Once the lines were connected, Nisbet  
21 attached several fax machines to the lines, and programmed the machines to dial toll-free  
22 numbers. (RT 625-626)  
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24 In order to be reimbursed by the long distance carriers, Nisbet established a business  
25 relationship with a financial clearing house – APCC Services – who bore the task of billing the  
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28 <sup>1</sup> PL 104, 110, Stat 56.

<sup>2</sup> In fact, it was proven in related litigation that AT&T and other LD carriers had severely underpaid pay phone owners for the surcharge by literally hundreds of millions of dollars. See APCC Services Inc. v. AT&T Corporation (USDC for District of Columbia), Case No. 1:99 CV 696 (ESH).



1 LD carriers on behalf of pay phone owners. (RT 242-44, 626) Because the entire nature of the  
2 business plan was to detect the accuracy and regularity of payment by the LD carriers of the  
3 payphone surcharge without cluing the LD carriers into the nature of the survey, Nisbet called  
4 the business, "Dan David, dba Jack's Payphone." (RT 247-49, 252, 626-627)  
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6 Starting in April 1998, Nisbet and David received their first check from APCC in the  
7 amount of \$11,808.41. (RT 262, 627) Due to a warning, however, from APCC, Nisbet grew  
8 concerned that the volume of the toll-free calls would alert the LD carriers. So Nisbet closed  
9 down the operations, and then later decided to move to a small office in South San Francisco.  
10 (RT 628-30, 370-78, 388, 630-61) At that juncture, Nisbet insisted that any new lines should be  
11 ordered under names other than their own. (RT at 633) David objected to this plan, but  
12 ultimately caved in under reassurances from Nisbet as to the legality of the operation based on  
13 Askin's previously rendered legal opinion. (RT 631) New lines were ordered under the names  
14 "Bill Jansen" and "David Jacobs." (RT 631, 60-661, 681)  
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17 The business' operations grew more complex as Nisbet purchased and connected an  
18 autodialer to 23 long-distance lines and rented a business mailbox in Scottsdale, Arizona under  
19 new business names. (RT 589-602, 308-09, 632-33) This, however, created a compounding  
20 problem when Nisbet and David could not retrieve their mail without sufficient proof of identify.  
21 In an admitted error, Nisbet and David forged an identification and notary to retrieve their own  
22 mail including a number of payments from the phone companies. (RT 637-40)  
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25 **(c) AT&T's Presentation to the FBI**

26 Prior to the issuance of the original indictment, the long-distance carrier AT&T contacted  
27 the FBI after reviewing the call data records from David and Nisbet's phone lines and  
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1 concluding that the calling patterns (i.e. duration and volume) were indicative of an autodialer.  
2 (RT 216-18) Of notable importance, AT&T described in a memorandum to the government that  
3 AT&T was a “victim” in the case who had fooled by David and Nisbet into paying pay phone  
4 surcharges based upon toll-free calls that AT&T later contrived to appear to the FBI that the  
5 phone numbers had been dialed sequentially when no such calling took place. Such statements  
6 was meant to induce the FBI in to believing that AT&T lost revenue from its payments to David  
7 and Nisbet, and that the calls were made in a sequential manner so as to invoke additional  
8 regulatory scrutiny.<sup>3</sup> These facts simply were not true. As previously indicated, AT&T, like  
9 other LD carriers, passed the cost of the payphone surcharge onto its toll-free subscribers along  
10 with a considerable and profitable mark-up. Any part of the payphone surcharge paid by AT&T  
11 to Daniel and Nisbet was actually paid by the toll-free customer **plus** a sizable mark-up of  
12 anywhere between 100-300%. (RT at 228, 423-424) David’s calls were, therefore, making  
13 AT&T sizable profits because AT&T billed its customers the cost of the payphone surcharge  
14 plus 100-300% more for David’s calls. AT&T had made, not lost, money.

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18 In October 1999, the landlord at the South San Francisco office informed Nisbet that the  
19 FBI had searched the office. (RT 650-51) Nisbet told Daniel of the same, and the two closed  
20 down the operation.  
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#### 22 23 **(d) The Indictment and Conviction**

24 On March 7, 2002, a grand jury in the Northern District returned an indictment  
25 charging David and Scott Nisbet with various offenses under Title 18 of the United State Code.  
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27 This indictment, though, did not suffice because, for the very reasons addressed herein, the  
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<sup>3</sup> AT&T falsified the calling data to the FBI by rigging the calling data to appear as if David had called the toll-free numbers in a sequential manner so as to invoke great legal scrutiny because sequential dialing by auto-dialers is

1 U.S. Attorney's office discovered that its theory of the case set forth in the original indictment  
2 could not hold water. In particular, a superseding indictment changed the charges from  
3 conspiracy, mail fraud (and aiding and abetting), money laundering, IRS tax fraud, and forfeiture  
4 to reflect the government's understanding that a new, superseding indictment was based on  
5 charges of conspiracy, mail fraud, money laundering, and forfeiture. The superseding indictment  
6 included no less than twenty-one counts against David, including 18 U.S.C. § 371 (conspiracy to  
7 commit mail fraud and use of fictitious names); 18 U.S.C. § 1341 (mail fraud); 18 U.S.C.  
8 §§1342 (using a fictitious name for purpose of conducting a fraudulent scheme); 18 U.S.C §  
9 1956(a)(1))(B)(I); and 18 U.S.C. § 982(a)(1) (forfeiture).  
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12 The mail fraud charges alleged that defendants David and Nisbet "devised and willfully  
13 participate[d] in a scheme and artifice to defraud Pacific Bell, long-distance carriers, and toll-free  
14 subscribers to obtain money and property by means of false and fraudulent pretenses.,  
15 representation and promises." (ER 4-5, par. 18) The mail fraud charges also incorporated the  
16 allegations of material false statements and omissions from the conspiracy charge. (ER 4,  
17 par.17)  
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19 The conspiracy charge alleged that defendants David and Nisbet conspired to commit mail  
20 fraud by failing to disclose material facts in order to obtain money and property. (ER 1-4, par.3-  
21 15) The indictment specifically alleged that defendants failed to disclose to Pacific Bell and the  
22 long-distance carriers "the material facts that they did not intend to and in fact did not attach  
23 payphones or any other telephones to the Leased Payphone Lines" as well as by failing to  
24 "disclose to Pacific Bell and the LD carriers the material fact that the thousands of calls . . .  
25 were made by an auto dialer as opposed to actual callers." (ER 3).  
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28 Prior to trial, David filed a motion to dismiss, arguing that the only financial victims (if



1 any) were the toll-free subscribers, and that he had not deceived the subscribers. (ER 15a-15v)

2 He averred that while the phone companies arguably had been deceived, they had not suffered  
3 any loss, and that while the subscribers may have suffered a loss, they had not been deceived. Id.

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5 The motion rested on the fact that the indictment alleged the use of false statements to obtain  
6 money and property, but did not allege that the David had made a single false statement to the  
7 toll-free subscriber to induce their parting with money. In its opposition, instead of admitting  
8 what the government would later disclose, the government refused to acknowledge the obvious,  
9 namely that David had correctly identified the LD companies as beneficiaries rather than victims  
10 of his business venture. The motion was denied based on the district court's agreement that the  
11 indictment sufficiently alleged two victims – the toll-free subscribers and the LD carriers – who  
12 were deceived. (ER 28)  
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14 By the time David's case proceeded to trial in March 2004, Nisbet already brokered a  
15 plea agreement with the government, and in so doing informed David that he would invoke his  
16 Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination, if called to testify. In fact, the cooperation  
17 agreement written by the government required that Nisbet not be sentenced until after David's  
18 trial. (ER 32) David was forced to defend himself at trial without the benefit of Nisbet's  
19 testimony.  
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21 At trial, the government's theory that AT&T and the other long-distance carriers were  
22 victimized began to unravel. The government could not present evidence that the LD industry  
23 lost money or been otherwise victimized. The only two witnesses from the LD companies were  
24 AT&T fraud investigator Mark Zmigrodski and Sprint Billings Operations Manager Kit Cosani  
25 who testified in relevant part:  
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1 “Q. Okay. So, there is some money there, the different checks you have in there, if you  
2 add it up, does that money then belong to repaid to the people who actually have the 800  
3 numbers who were charged?

4 A. I believe so yes.

5 Q. Do you know whether your company has ever paid back that money to those  
6 individuals?

7 A. Until this suit or I was notified of this, I had no knowledge of this. So I do not know  
8 that answer.” (Cross-Examination of Sprint Witness Cosani (RT at 432)).

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10 “Q. Okay. It’s fair to state that you thought that Mr. David shouldn’t get that money;  
11 that’s right?

12 A. That was my recommendation, however, it was up to the judgment of the product  
13 manager who reviewed it also.

14 Q. Do you know whether AT&T ever paid that money back to the people who charged it?

15 A. I have no idea. It’s no my realm.” (Cross-Examination of AT&T Witness Mark  
16 Zmigrodski (RT at 229)).

17 The government’s theory unraveled because contrary to the language of the indictment  
18 which had David directly deceiving the LD carriers, AT&T and others were finally seen as a  
19 mere financial intermediary who were simply processing the transaction of billing (at a  
20 considerable mark-up) the payphone surcharge to the toll-free subscriber. And as the above-  
21 testimony indicates, the alleged victims in the case – AT&T and Sprint – testified at trial  
22 indicated that they had “no idea” whether the supposedly ill-gotten gains from the toll-free  
23 subscribers were returned by AT&T and Sprint to its toll-free customers. This is compelling  
24 evidence because it can either be interpreted as the LD carrier’s profiting from calls it believed  
25 were illegal and criminal and yet refusing to return its own ill-gotten gains which were piggy-  
26 backed to David’s, and or the LD carriers did not believe that the toll-free subscribers were  
27 entitled to a refund for any of David’s calls because the calls were legal and properly billed.

28 The government also could not put on a single witness from the LD industry to testify that  
their company had lost money from David’s business venture. Nor did the government present a  
single witness who owned a toll-free number to state that they too were deceived (or parted with

1 money). Such evidence was not presented because of the plain business fact that David made no  
2 representation (or misrepresentation for that matter) in his calls to the toll-free subscriber  
3 because the calls contained no content whatsoever. The calls lasted one second each, and  
4 contained no content. (RT at 171, 692-694) Furthermore, according to routinely accepted  
5 business practices, toll-free subscribers do *not* assume that every call to their 800 number has a  
6 valid business purpose. Rather, subscribers know they must be willing to receive and pay for  
7 calls involving wrong numbers, crank calls, and other calls which do not include a bona fide  
8 business purpose. Hence, the government did not and could not prove at trial a single  
9 misrepresentation made by David to a toll-free subscriber.  
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12 Due to this evidence, or the lack thereof, the government successfully obtained court  
13 approval to depart from the Ninth Circuit Model Jury Instructions § 8.101 on mail fraud to a new  
14 instruction which instead provided:  
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16 “First, the defendant knowingly devised or knowingly participated in a scheme or plan to  
17 defraud by obtaining money or property through a course of conduct or statements that  
18 were reasonably calculated to deceive; Second, the scheme to defraud was material, that  
19 is, it would reasonably influence a person to part with money or property.” ER 46, ER 65.

20 Based upon these unique instructions, the jury found David guilty of mail fraud (counts 2-  
21 8), using a fictitious name for the purpose of conducting a fraudulent scheme and an unlawful  
22 business (Counts 9-15), and money laundering (Counts 16-22). (Dkt. 175) The jury, however,  
23 found David not guilty of conspiracy. (Count 1)  
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25 **(e) A “Strange” Thing Happens at David’s Sentencing**

26 On January 14, 2005, Nisbet is sentenced to serve a term of fifteen months and to  
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1 pay, jointly and severally, an amount of no less than \$444,198.91. Several months later, on  
2 May 6, 2005, David was sentenced. This, however, was no ordinary sentencing. During a  
3 discussion on restitution, the government changed its tune. It admitted, *for the first time*, that the  
4 phone companies were not victims and suffered no monetary loss whatsoever, and thus were not  
5 entitled to a dime of restitution. (ER 83) At sentencing, the Assistant U.S. Attorney (AUSA)  
6 admitted, "The phone companies here are not the victims. They were just unjustly enriched . . ."  
7 (Sentencing Transcript ("ST) dated May 6, 2005 at 17) Instead the government argued that the  
8 phone companies were instead injured by a loss of "good will or business reputation, or  
9 customers." (ER 99) Not only was this new theory a farce, but it had never been raised until  
10 sentencing when the government was desperate to create a new theory of David's victims in  
11 order to post-hoc justify the legality of the conviction. But these hypothetical losses of business  
12 reputation or of customers were not only speculative; worse, such arguments were *never*  
13 presented to the jury. There was no evidence presented that the phone companies suffered these  
14 losses, or even that such losses were remotely possible. With no where left to hide, the  
15 government was forced to admit what it had known all along – that the phone companies made,  
16 not lost, money here, and that the case lacked a true victim who had parted with money based on  
17 intentional misrepresentations. With this revelation in mind, the judge – the Honorable U.S.  
18 District Court Judge Susan Illston – at sentencing did not know how to fashion restitution as it  
19 was previously calculated according to the over \$444,000 dollars that the phone companies had  
20 paid to David and Nisbet. Because the companies had not lost money, Judge Illston instead  
21 ordered restitution not go to AT&T and the other LD carriers, but instead be deposited into the  
22 equivalent of a cy pres restitution fund for a general telecommunications purpose. (ST at 22)  
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#### IV. ARGUMENT

(a) The Government knew prior to and during trial of the exculpatory fact that AT&T and other LD Carriers were not financial victims; and yet refused to divulge that information despite a requirement to do so thereby constituting a violation under the Brady rule.

In order to prove a violation of Brady v. Maryland (1963) 373 U.S. 83, 83 S.Ct. 1194, 10 L.Ed.2d 215, in which the government withheld exculpatory evidence, a defendant must prove that: “(1) the evidence at issue is favorable, either because it is exculpatory or because it is impeaching; (2) such evidence was suppressed by the State, either willfully or inadvertently; and (3) prejudice resulted.” Raly v. Y1st (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2006) 470 F. 3d 792. Or said in a similar manner, one must prove that: (1) the evidence was exculpatory or impeaching; (2) it should have been, but was not produced; and (3) the suppressed evidence was material to his guilt or punishment. U.S. v. Jennigan (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2006) 451 F. 3d 1027.

Evidence is considered material if there is a reasonable probability that had the evidence been disclosed to the defense, the result of the proceeding would have been different. Id. In particular, a showing of reasonable probability that a different result would have occurred is considered a lesser showing than that required by a preponderance of the evidence. Bailey v. Rae (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2003) 339 F. 3d 1107. Furthermore, the materiality of any such exculpatory evidence must be considered cumulatively in determining whether nondisclosure violated the prosecution's Brady disclosure obligations. Barker v. Fleming (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2005) 423 F. 3d 1085.

In deciding which evidence must be disclosed, the prosecution is required to disclose evidence favorable to the accused, that, if suppressed, would deprive the defendant of a fair trial. Morris v. Y1st (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2006) 06 Cal. Daily Op. Serv. 3807. In fact, a convicted person need not show that they would have been acquitted but for the lack of disclosure, but merely that the lack



1 of disclosure rendered the trial fundamentally unfair and a verdict not worthy of confidence.  
2 Barker, supra. Or stated differently, a Brady violation is established where undisclosed evidence  
3 can put a defendant's whole case in such a different light as to undermine confidence in the  
4 verdict. Silva v. Brown (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2005) 416 F. 3d 980. Moreover, the lack of disclosure or  
5 suppression of such exculpatory evidence can be either a willful or inadvertent act resulting in  
6 prejudice to the defendant. Morris, supra. The Brady rule has no good faith or inadvertence  
7 defense. Gantt v. Roe (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2004) 389 F. 3d 908.  
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10 The prosecution in a criminal case has a duty to disclose all material evidence in its  
11 possession that is favorable to the accused, Gantt v. Roe, supra. Similarly, the government has  
12 the duty to disclose Brady material even in the absence of a request by the defense. U.S. v.  
13 Blanco (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2004) 392 F. 3d 382; Randolph v. People of State of California (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2004)  
14 380 F. 3d 1133. In fact, the Brady duty to disclose applies to exculpatory evidence as well as  
15 evidence that the defense might use to impeach a government's witness by showing a bias or  
16 interest. Horton v. Mayle (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2004) 408 F. 3d 570.  
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18 Here, while the government waited to admit that AT&T and the other LD carriers were  
19 not actual victims of David's conduct until the time of David's sentencing, it is clear that the  
20 government knew long in advance of sentencing of this exculpatory fact. The first indication of  
21 such was AT&T's own "in house investigative" report delivered to the FBI pre-indictment  
22 wherein AT&T falsified the calling data records to make such appear as having been dialed  
23 sequentially, and by describing itself as a monetary victim in the case.  
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25 Secondly, the FBI's own 302 disclosures hint at the government's acknowledgement how  
26 AT&T derived a profit for the payphone surcharge.  
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1 Moreover, David himself met with FBI Agent in November 2006, during which, as  
2 attested to herein under penalty of perjury, David swears that FBI agent Coffin admitted to David  
3 and his counsel (also present) that the FBI knew long prior that AT&T and other LD carriers had  
4 profited significantly from the conduct. In particular, David swears,

6 I met personally with FBI agent Steven Coffin in Berkeley, California. The purpose of  
7 the meeting – held at my request – was to discuss the role of AT&T in my case as well as  
8 AT&T's non-payment of the payphone regulatory surcharge. After explaining my  
9 position that AT&T was reaping multi-million dollar rewards via mark-ups to consumers  
10 of the payphone surcharge while underpaying payphone owners, FBI Agent Coffin  
11 admitted that the FBI had known since nearly the inception of its investigation and  
12 prosecution that AT&T and the other LD carriers had financially benefited from my  
13 calling activity. *See* Declaration of Petitioner Daniel David, Exhibit 1, hereto

14 As further evidence of the FBI's admission that the long-distance carriers were not  
15 victims, David's lawyer – John Kirke, Esq.--- who was present at the same meeting also offers  
16 herein via a sworn Declaration the same FBI acknowledgement. *See* Exhibit 2. Based on these  
17 two witnesses –each of whom offers a sworn statement aver that the government, in fact, the  
18 very agent responsible for investigating David's case knew before the start of the prosecution  
19 that AT&T and other phone companies could not possibly be called victims or an aggrieved  
20 party in the case.

22 In a similar vein, further evidence of the government's lack of candor that no LD carrier  
23 suffered a pecuniary loss presented itself during the sentencing of Nisbet. On January 14, 2005,  
24 Nisbet was sentenced to a term of fifteen months in federal prison along with a restitution order  
25 of four hundred and forty-four thousand dollars subject to joint and several liability. (ST at 5).  
26 Notably absent during the sentencing hearing was the government's acknowledgement that  
27 restitution of \$444,000 could not and should not be paid to the long distance carriers as they  
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1 suffered no financial loss. The government was quiet on this topic during Nisbet's sentencing  
2 hearing. (ST at 17-18) In fact, the AUSA acknowledged when referring to the lack of candor at  
3 Nisbet's sentencing that, "Looking back, I wish it had been, but, again, I was new to the case and I  
4 apologize for not noticing this issue, but I think he's correct in his analysis of this." (ST at 18)

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6 At Daniel's sentencing hearing, however, held just several months later, the government  
7 was forced to acknowledge what it had known for months, if not years -- namely, that restitution  
8 could not be paid to the LD carriers because paying restitution to entities which made money  
9 from Daniel's acts would have been improper. At Daniel's sentencing on May 6, 2005, the  
10 government finally admitted what it had known all along and yet had withheld from David.  
11 AUSA Stacey Geis when referring to the phone companies admitted, "they were unjustly  
12 enriched." (ST at 17). AUSA Geis went on to state, "we have not seen any other claims from  
13 other telephone companies because they don't have claim . . . they made money on this." (ST at  
14 18) A prosecutor's actual knowledge of undisclosed information is particularly significant in  
15 determining the severity of the non-disclosure. U.S. v. Ross (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2004) 372 F. 3d 1097.  
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17 And yet, here, actual knowledge of the non-disclosure was not speculative or based on conjecture  
18 because the prosecutor admitted so in open court at sentencing. (RT at 17 of Sentencing Trans.)  
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20 Because of this prosecutorial admission, the presiding judge the Honorable Susan Illston  
21 ruled that, "right now I'm not ordering any [restitution] to AT&T." (ST at 22) The probative  
22 value of this revelation to the court -- unearthed by the government-- of the lack of victims was  
23 significant as the presiding judge then went on to change the recipients of the entire award of  
24 restitution. (ST at 19-23)  
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26 It is well-established that prejudice due to non-disclosure of exculpatory evidence can be  
27 inferred when the existence of such evidence would have changed the outcome of a trial *and* of  
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1 a sentencing. *See U.S. v. Congdon* (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2002) 54 Fed. Appx. 636. (Defendant failed to  
2 show that he was prejudiced by government's nondisclosure of Brady information absent  
3 showing that the withheld information would have changed the outcome of his sentencing)  
4 Here, the effect of the exculpatory evidence at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour dramatically changed the nature of  
5 the sentence as David's entire award of restitution was altered. (ST at 19-23) The presiding  
6 judge was not able to award restitution to AT&T and the other LD carriers because their status as  
7 victims was finally revealed as flawed. The judge plainly saw what the jury had been prevented  
8 from knowing that AT&T and the other LD carriers were not victims. This reality meant that  
9 AT&T and the other LD companies should not receive compensation of any kind from David's  
10 actions. Instead, without a means of identifying who was a victim here – if there were any – the  
11 presiding judge established the equivalent of a cy pres award.  
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14 The government's lack of candor on this material issue is glaringly obvious when one  
15 looks at the fact of the government's silence on this same topic at Nisbet's sentencing hearing  
16 which was held just a few months prior to David. (ST 17-18) The government's belated  
17 acknowledgment arose only because David's attorney forced the issue by cornering the  
18 government on this undeniable fact at David's sentencing hearing. (ST at 18) But for David's  
19 attorney's prodding, the government would have hidden this truth from the district court and  
20 David once again. This lack of candor at sentencing is unmistakably unlawful under the rule of  
21 law of Brady. *See U.S. v. Nikrasch* (9<sup>th</sup> Cir 2001) 25 Fed. Appx. 570. (The government's  
22 obligations under Brady, to disclose all evidence favorable to the defendant which is material  
23 either to guilt or punishment, continue through the time of the sentencing hearing).  
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26 The government may be inclined to argue that this non-disclosure of exculpatory  
27 evidence was not so because David himself may have introduced evidence of the lack of  
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1 financial harm to the long-distance companies at trial. This argument, however, holds no water  
2 because the availability of particular statements from a defendant does not negate the  
3 government's duty to disclose exculpatory evidence under the Brady rule. U.S. Howell (9<sup>th</sup> Cir.  
4 2000) 231 F. 3d. 615. The Constitutional guarantee of due process imposes upon the state an  
5 *affirmative* duty to disclose exculpatory evidence. Allen v. Woodford (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2005) 05 Cal.  
6 Daily Op. Serv. 658; Grant v. Roe (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2004) 389 F. 3d 908. Moreover, as previously  
7 stated, the Brady rule has no good faith or inadvertence defense. U.S. v. Antonakeas (9<sup>th</sup> Cir.  
8 2001) 225 F. 3d. 714. The prosecution's obligation to disclose evidence favorable to the defense  
9 turns on the cumulative effect of all such evidence suppressed by the government, and the  
10 government's obligation is independent of whether, at the time, the prosecutor knew of the  
11 favorable evidence or appreciated its significance. Id.

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14 At sentencing, the sole victim statement came from AT&T. Once examined, its contents  
15 and the declarant who offered it reveal the further lie perpetrated upon the district court and  
16 David. AT&T's professed "fraud investigator" Mark Zmigrodski signed the notably sparse  
17 victim impact statement. At trial, however, Mr. Zmigrodski testified that payphone  
18 compensation was "not in [his] realm of experience." (RT at 228) And yet, A&T selected this  
19 very person as the author of the victim impact statement who admitted that he knew markedly  
20 little about the governing regulatory scheme under which David's actions were scrutinized.  
21 Having Zmigrodski submit the *sole* victim impact statement in David's case underscored the fact  
22 that the government had prior knowledge that its case was predicated on the lie that the LD  
23 industry suffered here.

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26 With the government's lie exposed, the Honorable Judge Illston was forced to fashion a  
27 last minute quick-fix to the government's withholding of evidence. The district court ordered  
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1 restitution in the form of a cy pres award with the restitution monies -- minus those funds  
 2 attributable to AT&T -- going to two general telecommunications funds. (ST at 19-21)

3 After sentencing, Daniel appealed to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals on direct appeal.  
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 5 See Appellant's Opening Brief dated October 28, 2005. In its denial of the direct appeal,  
 6 however, the Ninth Circuit made a notable identification that only one scheme to defraud was  
 7 presented to the jury. In dealing with a jury instruction claim, the Ninth Circuit ruled, "No  
 8 unanimity instruction was required because only one scheme to defraud was presented to the  
 9 jury." See USA v. David, Case No., 05-10340, Order of Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. The  
 10 importance of this chosen directive of the Ninth Circuit's ruling bears upon the government's  
 11 theory of the case as presented to the jury that the LD carriers were defrauded. It runs  
 12 throughout the government's pitch to the jury. Numerous examples apply:

- 14 • "Let's review the evidence very quickly on this element. First, the long-  
 15 distance carriers mailed the checks. Obviously the checks being sent to the  
 16 defendant is a central part of the scheme, that is the central part of the  
 17 scheme. That's the whole point; the checks need to get to him somehow." (RT at 824)
- 18 • "It wasn't an honest mistake that the false names were used or that there  
 19 were no payphones hooked up; it was obviously an intentional attempt to  
 20 deceive all of these people to make it work, and that's what happened." (RT at 824)
- 21 • "And the long-distance carriers, were the -- was the deceptive conduct  
 22 directed at them? Was that material? Could that have influenced them?  
 23 Not only could it, but it did." (RT at 822)

24 Unmistakable throughout their argument at trial was the government's position that the  
 25 LD carriers were defrauded and that they each lost money due to David's work. The jury was  
 26 repeatedly told that David's activities wreaked financial harm on LD companies, and yet this fact  
 27 was known to the government as a fallacy. Only later -- before the Ninth Circuit Court of  
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1 Appeals and at David's sentencing -- did the government attempt to cover its tracks by changing  
2 the theory of its prosecution to brand both the LD carriers and the toll free subscribers as victims.  
3 (ST at 15; and Appellee's Opening Brief at 21, dated December 30, 2005, before the Ninth  
4 Circuit Court of Appeals) The fallacy of this new theory being introduced at sentencing is  
5 exposed at several levels. One, it was never presented to the very jury who decided David's  
6 guilt. (RT 804-847); Grant v. Roe (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2004) 389 F. 3d. 908. Showing that the prosecution  
7 failed to disclose exculpatory evidence begins with demonstrating that David suffered prejudice  
8 by the reasonable probability that the outcome of the trial would have been different had the  
9 evidence been disclosed. And one knows that evidence is "material" for purposes of a  
10 prosecution's duty to disclose favorable, when there is a reasonable probability that, had the  
11 evidence been disclosed to the defense, the result of the proceeding would have been different; a  
12 reasonable probability is a probability sufficient to undermine confidence in the outcome.  
13 William v. Woodford (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2004) 384 F. 3d. 567.

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17 The restitution order itself foreclosed any alternate theory regarding David's alleged  
18 victims because the restitution amount of \$444,198.91 was calculated *exclusively* in accord with  
19 the amounts that the LD carriers paid to David rather than a single dime paid by the toll free  
20 subscriber. (ST at 21) No monies whatsoever paid by the toll-free subscribers to the long-  
21 distance companies were included in David's restitution order, thereby indicating that they were  
22 expressly excluded as a class of victims in the government's prosecution of the case and its  
23 presentation of the case to the jury.

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25 In light of such facts, the exculpatory evidence that the government knew the case was  
26 predicated on the lie that the LD carriers were victims would have changed the outcome of trial.  
27 It had to. Jurors would have seen a financial reward to David, but no victims who parted with  
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1 money based on David's alleged misrepresentations. Without victims who parted with money  
2 under fraudulent means, the government could not have met the elements of 18 U.S.C. § 1341  
3 (mail fraud) and 18 U.S.C. §§1342 (using a fictitious name for purpose of conducting a  
4 fraudulent scheme) which both require an actual victim who parted with money through  
5 fraudulent means.  
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## 7 8 **V. NEWLY DISCOVERED EVIDENCE**

### 9 **(a) The government's final admission over the lack of bona fide victims** 10 **constitutes newly discovered evidence which would have changed the** 11 **outcome of the trial.**

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13 The revelation that there were no bona fide victims in David's case also falls under the  
14 rubric of newly discovered evidence which would likely have produced an acquittal had the jury  
15 been advised of such. Newly discovered evidence is grounds for relief in a habeas petition when  
16 it bears upon the constitutionality of a defendant's conviction and probably would have produced  
17 an acquittal. Spivey v. Rocha (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1999) 194 F. 3d 971; Quigg v. Crist (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1980) 616 F.  
18 2d 1107; and Swan v. Peterson (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1993) 6 F. 2d. 1373. In instances where newly  
19 discovered evidence shows that Petitioner did not commit a crime such evidence is sufficient to  
20 meet the "probability of acquittal" standard for habeas relief. Jeffries v. Blodgett (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1993)  
21 5 F. 3d. 1180.  
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24 For David, evidence of the lack of actual victims would have undeniably produced a  
25 different outcome at trial given that the government was required to prove that victims parted  
26 with money through fraudulent and deceptive means as per the elements of mail fraud in 18  
27 U.S.C. § 1341 & use of a fictitious name spelled out in 18 U.S.C. §§1342. In short, the  
28 government's conviction was predicated on the existence of victims who Daniel directly

1 defrauded. And yet, as discussed herein, the government ultimately had no such victims to  
2 claim, thereby undermining its ability to secure a lawful conviction. The lack of such bona fide  
3 victims was not a small oversight or insignificant fact that was immaterial to the conviction.  
4 Whether David's business activities -- which were recognized as novel and unique (RT 137) ---  
5 were illegal hinged on the very fact that victims parted with money because of David's fraudulent  
6 acts.  
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8         The materiality and dispositive effect of the LD carriers not being bona fide victims is  
9 nearly self-evident. In an exemplar of the importance of this evidence on the outcome of the  
10 trial, the prosecuting AUSA boldly told the trial judge out of the presence of the jury that the  
11 government was required to prove an "intent to defraud victims in order to obtain money from  
12 the phone company" and "long distance carriers." (RT at 136, 763) This admission by the  
13 prosecution was more than its theory of the case. It was the very basis of the guilty verdict  
14 itself. Without actual victims, the jury was likely not to render a finding of guilt, but instead  
15 conclude that there were no victims who parted with money through David's direct  
16 misrepresentations.  
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18         In a clear illustration of the importance of casting the LD carriers as the victims of  
19 David's acts, the prosecution did not call to testify a single toll free subscriber of the hundreds of  
20 thousands that David contacted via phone. *See generally*, RT. The government could have  
21 easily contacted any number of these potential witnesses because the LD carriers and the  
22 government had the call data records generated by David. The likely reason not a single toll free  
23 subscriber was called as a witness rests on the fact that the government's theory at trial was to  
24 cast the long-distance carriers as those who had parted with money. As proof, the original  
25 indictment in the case was markedly different from the superseding one used at trial. The  
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1 original indictment listed two classes of victims including the long distance carriers and the toll-  
2 free subscribers. *See* Exhibit 3. However, the superseding indictment dated October 16, 2003,  
3 included no such reference. Instead, the superseding indictment had but one. In the second  
4 indictment, the government alleged that Nisbet "did not disclose to Pacific Bell and the long-  
5 distance carriers the material fact that the thousands of calls made to toll-free telephone numbers  
6 made over the Leased Payphone Lines were made by an autodialer as opposed to actual callers  
7 using payphones." *See* Exhibit 4. This distinction between the two indictments was not  
8 unintentional or accidental. It provided the underbelly to the government's position that David's  
9 victims were those who paid him directly. This was the position of the new indictment, and how  
10 the case was presented to the jury. And now, with the discovery of the falsity of this claim the  
11 impact of this claim on the outcome at trial is without question.

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14 The government's own press release announcing the prosecution also smacked of  
15 highlighting the government's flawed theory of the LD carriers as victims. In a March 8, 2002,  
16 press release issued from the Northern District of California U.S. Attorney's Office, the release  
17 reads, "Then, the defendants instructed the phone companies to cut checks to them made payable  
18 to the fictitious Jansen and Jacobs, and directed that the dividend checks from the fraud be sent  
19 to a mail drop in Arizona." *See* Exhibit 5. Such verbiage suggested that it was the phone  
20 companies, not the toll-free subscribers, who were fraudulently seduced by David and Nisbet to  
21 part with money.

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24 Similarly, discussions out of the presence of the jury on the jury instructions are further  
25 proof of the government's flawed notion of the LD as victims during the trial. The prosecuting  
26 AUSA argued in support of their jury instructions that the government was required to "prove  
27 that he [David] was intentionally deceiving people. That's the crime here." (RT at 763) This  
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theory was ultimately incorporated into the selected jury instructions wherein the jury was told that the government was required to prove that David, “knowingly devised or knowingly participated in a scheme or plan to defraud by obtaining money or property through a course of conduct or statements that were reasonably calculated to deceive.” (RT at 795) This language of the jury instruction could have only applied to the LD carriers because, as pointed out, there was no conduct or statements “that were reasonably calculated to deceive” made to the toll-free subscribers. (RT at 171) The calls bore no content and made no statement, therein begging how David could have made statements to deceive without any conduct or words? Clearly, he hadn’t.

## VI. VARIANCE

### **(a) The Government's Admission At David's Sentencing that the Long Distance Carriers Were Beneficiaries Rather Than Victims Violates the Laws of Variance.**

Variance in proof between indictment and crime proved by evidence occurs if the charging terms of indictment are left unchallenged, but evidence offered at trial proves facts materially different from those alleged in the indictment. U.S. v. Anderson (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1976) 532 F. 2d 1218. Variance between charge of indictment and proof at trial also may affect substantial rights of a defendant if the effect is to prevent the defendant from presenting his defense properly or if it takes him unfairly by surprise or if it exposes him to double jeopardy. In fact, excluding the rules governing lesser included offenses, a defendant may not be convicted of an offense different from that specifically charged by the grand jury. U.S. v. Pazsint (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1983) 703 F. 2d 420; U.S. v. Stewart (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1981) 652 F. 2d 804.

Such rules are established so that a defendant can prepare his defense, and be protected against another prosecution for the same offense. U.S. v. Tsinhnahjinnie (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1997) 112 F. 3d. 988. More specifically, prejudicial variance occurs when evidence offered at trial is

1 materially different than the evidence of guilt alleged in the indictment. U.S. v. Olano (9<sup>th</sup> Cir.  
2 1995) 62 F. 3d. 1180; and U.S. v. McCormick (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1995) 72 F. 3d. 1404. A change in the  
3 government's theory in a criminal case constitutes prejudicial variance when the introduction of  
4 the new theory changes the offense charged, or so alters the case that the defendant has not had a  
5 fair opportunity to present a defense to the new theory. Lincoln v. Sunn (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1987) 807 F.  
6 2d. 805. This is especially true when the defendant is not informed of the new theory so that he  
7 can prepare his defense adequately. U.S. v. Blozer (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1977) 556 F. 2d. 948.

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9 Here, David was forced to present a defense at trial based on the theory that he had  
10 defrauded the LD industry which had suffered enormous financial losses from David's actions.  
11 The government argued to the jury that, "so now we have Pac Bell deceived" (RT at 817) and  
12 "So after deceiving the customers, the customers for all practical purposes are powerless to stop  
13 this fraud, then we go on to the long-distance carriers" (RT at 819); and the superseding  
14 indictment set forth the same charge that, David "did not disclose to Pacific Bell and the long-  
15 distance carriers the material facts that they did not intend to and in fact did not attach payphones  
16 or any other telephones to the Leased Payphone Lines.." See Exhibit 3 at 3. Hence, David's  
17 defense centered on his purpose in collecting the regulatory surcharge. At trial, David argued  
18 that his business was a survey of the LD industry for class action litigation for which he in fact  
19 initiated and successfully sued AT&T for non-disclosure of its marked-up payphone charge to  
20 calling card consumers prior to the trial with the information he gathered from his survey. (RT at  
21 120-122) David did not have the benefit of presenting a defense that there were no victims here  
22 including the LD carriers who paid David because the government did not disclose this known  
23 fact. Again, "variance" occurs when evidence at trial or sentencing proves facts materially  
24 different from those alleged in indictment. U.S. v. Homick (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1992) 964 F. 2d. 899. A  
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1 defendant cannot be convicted or sentenced on the basis of facts not found nor even presented to  
2 a grand jury. U.S. v. Keith (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1979) 605 F. 2d. 462. As pointed out in U.S. v. Maleslotto  
3 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1983) 717 F. 2d 1238, a defendant can not be convicted of participation in a fraudulent  
4 scheme “Y” when the grand jury indicted based on participation in fraudulent scheme “X,” even  
5 if both schemes X & Y overlap or are concentric.  
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7 For David, the grand jury was advised that David’s scheme resulted in thousands of  
8 dollars in financial losses to the LD industry. The jury accepted this as true. And yet, at  
9 sentencing, the scheme David was sentenced for had no identifiable victim and no financial  
10 losses payable to a particular victim. As stated herein, this was no small discrepancy. A crime  
11 without a victim and no actual financial losses is a far cry from a crime with identifiable victims  
12 with quantifiable losses. Legally significant variance occurs when the evidence presented  
13 proves facts materially different from those alleged in the indictment as it exists here. U.S. v.  
14 Ramos-Oseguera (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1997) 120 F. 3d. 1028; U.S. v. Bhagat (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2006) 436 F. 3d.  
15 1140. Given these facts, David was not convicted for a victimless crime, but he was sentenced to  
16 one. The two different versions of the same crime create a problem of variance between the  
17 nature of the crime he defended himself against at trial and the facts of his crime which were  
18 known at sentencing. The two inconsistent versions of the same activity prejudiced David’s  
19 ability to know which crime he had to present a defense for, therein implicating the law of  
20 variance.  
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## 25 VII. SUFFICIENCY OF EVIDENCE

26 **(a) Given the lack of a victim, the evidence proffered against David is**  
27 **insufficient to warrant a conviction for his crimes involving fraud.**  
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1 David was convicted of several crimes involving fraud including mail fraud (18 U.S.C.  
2 §§ 1341 and 2) and using a fictitious name for purpose of conducting a fraudulent scheme and  
3 aiding an abetting in violation of §§ 1341 and 2. Each of these crimes involves elements of  
4 fraud as their predicate acts. And as such, each requires that there either be a causal connection  
5 between the victim and the deceived or that there was a quantifiable loss of some nature to a  
6 victim.  
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8 With the lack of an actual victim now established, the sufficiency of the evidence relied  
9 upon to support David's criminal convictions for crimes involving fraud is paper thin. The  
10 standard of review for a claim of sufficiency of the evidence is based on whether jurors could  
11 have reasonably arrived at their conclusion given the evidence presented. U.S. v. Larios (9<sup>th</sup> Cir.  
12 1981) 640 F. 2d. 938. The question presented by a sufficiency of evidence claim is whether the  
13 court is satisfied that jurors reasonably could decide the guilt of the defendant. U.S. v. Rich (9<sup>th</sup>  
14 Cir. 1978) 580 F. 2d. 929; and U.S. v. Kaplan (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1977) 554 F. 2d 958. And this test is  
15 exactly the same for direct appeals as it is on habeas review. Mikes v. Borg (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1991) 947  
16 F. 2d. 353.  
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18 David was convicted of crimes relating to mail fraud and use of a fictitious name for  
19 purpose of conducting a fraudulent scheme. On their face, and as part of the statutory language  
20 both crimes involve the element of fraud. For David, had the government's actual theory of the  
21 case naming AT&T and the LD carriers as non-victims been know earlier, the jury would have  
22 been forced to deal with a problem of a lack of "convergence" between the persons for whom  
23 misrepresentations were made (AT&T and others) and the toll free subscribers who received no  
24 communication from David except for a content-free one second phone call, and yet who paid  
25 money to their LD carrier directly and David indirectly. As noted, the toll-free subscribers were  
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1 under no regulatory obligation or mandate to directly pay the LD carrier as such fees are set and  
2 imposed only by market forces; and by implication, the toll-free subscribers were under no  
3 regulatory or market driven requirement to pay David indirectly or directly the cost of the  
4 payphone surcharge. David can not be said to have known with any quantum of certainty that  
5 these fees would be paid or that the toll-free subscriber need part with money to cover fees  
6 imposed at the LD carrier's discretion. In a strong showing of how evidence presented at  
7 sentencing – rather than at trial – was insufficient to warrant a conviction involving fraud, courts  
8 generally follow a convergence theory under which the parties to whom misrepresentations were  
9 made are identical to the victims. U.S. v. Brennan (E.D.N.Y. 1996) 938 F. Supp. 1111, *reversed*  
10 183 F. 3d. 139. The preferred rule on convergence in fraud cases is to require convergence of  
11 identity of the injured and the deceived in order to establish violation of mail and wire fraud  
12 statutes. Lifschultz Fast Freight Inc. v. Consolidated Freightways Corp. of Delaware (D.S.C.  
13 1992) 805 F.Supp. 1277, *affirmed* 998 F. 2d. 1009, *cert. denied* 114 S. Ct. 553, 510 U.S. 993,  
14 126 L.Ed. 2d. 454. And where a scheme does not cause actual harm to victims, the government  
15 must produce evidence independent of an alleged scheme to show a defendant's fraudulent intent  
16 to support a conviction for mail fraud. U.S. v. Jain (8 Cir. 1996) 93 F. 3d. 436, *rehearing denied*,  
17 *certiorari denied* 117 S. Ct. 2452, 520 U.S. 1273, 138 L.Ed. 2d 210. Here, however, the  
18 government could show neither convergence between those who were arguably deceived and  
19 those who suffered a financial loss by David's conduct. To the contrary, David testified at trial  
20 that his intent was far from fraudulent. His intent was to conduct a survey of the pay rate of the  
21 LD industry for the pay phone surcharge. (RT at 130, 618-620, 664, 666, and 727) This can  
22 hardly be said to constitute a fraudulent intent by David to have victims depart with money via  
23 mis-representations. Hence, the combination of a lack of an independently proven fraudulent  
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1 intent and no convergence between victim and misrepresentation, the government's case – once  
2 fully understood at sentencing – was insufficient for any reasonable juror to conclude that a  
3 crime had occurred. Even crimes of fraud that have no actual losses to victims still require the  
4 potential for such losses which were not present here. U.S. v. Barber (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1989) 881 F. 2d.  
5 345, *rehearing denied, certiorari denied*, 110 S.Ct. 1956, 495 U.S. 922, 109 L.Ed. 2d. 318. A  
6 loss of any intangible measure without proof of the probability of actual harm is insufficient to  
7 support a mail fraud conviction. U.S. v. Asher (3<sup>rd</sup> Cir. 1988) 854 F. 2d. 1483, *certiorari*  
8 *denied* 109 S. Ct. 836, 488 U.S. 1029, 102 L.Ed. 2d 969. In fact, courts have proven quite  
9 reluctant in sustaining convictions of fraud when no financial harm has resulted because of either  
10 the circumstances of proof or the lack of fraudulent intent. U.S. v. Ballard (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1982) 680 F.  
11 2d. 352 (insufficient evidence when ones who did not receive disclosure existence of  
12 manipulative system of reselling oil suffered no actual monetary loss). Surely, the government  
13 was required to prove, at minimum, that David contemplated some actual harm or injury. U.S. v.  
14 Brennan (E.D.N.Y. 1996) 938 F. Supp. 1111, *reversed* 183 F. 3d. 139. At trial, David  
15 demonstrated the opposite that his intentions did not contemplate harm, but rather a public  
16 benefit through his researched survey work. (RT at 130, 618-620, 664, 666, and 727) Without  
17 actual victims, the probability of financial harm, or fraudulent intent, there simply was no  
18 showing of fraud or a fraudulent scheme to speak of, and no reasonable trier of fact could have  
19 concluded so.  
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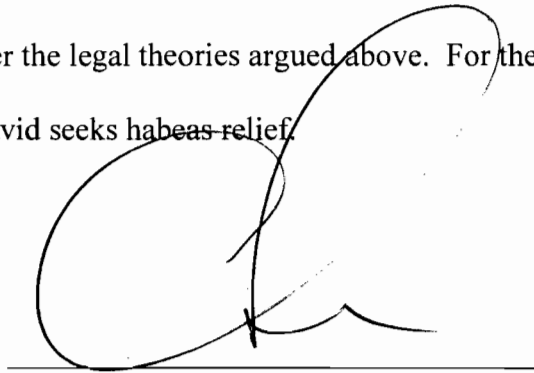
## 25 VIII. CONCLUSION

26 David will spend well-over two years in prison without the Habeas relief which he is  
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1 due and should be afforded. The startling revelation that his case's primary victims did not  
2 actually exist warrants a careful review under the legal theories argued above. For these reasons,  
3 and those which the court may conclude, David seeks habeas relief.  
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**VERIFICATION**

I, Daniel David, state:

I am the petitioner in this action. I have read the foregoing Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus and the facts stated therein are true of my own knowledge, except as to matters that are therein stated on my own information and belief, and as to those matters I believe them to be true.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on June 30, 2007, in California.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel David', is written over a horizontal line.

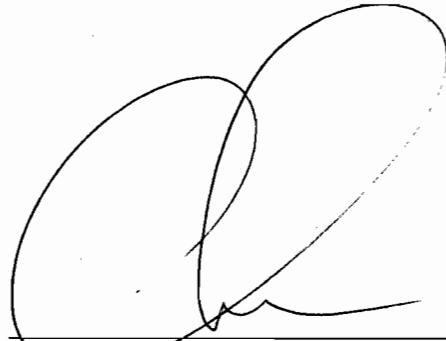
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**PROOF OF SERVICE**

I, Charles Carter, hereby certify that I am over the age of 18, not a party to this action and have served via U.S. first class mail In DANIEL DAVID Case No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the USDC for the Northern District of California on this 8 day of August 2007 on the following parties:

United States Attorney's Office  
450 Golden Gate Avenue  
11th Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94102

8/8/07  
Date

  
Name

# **Exhibit One**



1 Charles F. A. Carbone, Esq. (SBN 206536)  
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9 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
10 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

11 In re DANIEL DAVID, ) C. \_\_\_\_\_  
12 Petitioner, )  
13 v. )  
14 Harley G. Lappin, Director, BOP, )  
15 Respondent. )  
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29 **DECLARATION OF PETITIONER DANIEL DAVID**

30 I, Daniel David, hereby declares as follows:

- 31 1. I am the petitioner in the above-captioned matter and could and would competently testify to  
32 the following matters if called to testify.
- 33 2. On or near November 2006, I contacted FBI Senior Agent Steve Coffin to arrange an  
34 informal meeting to discuss matters concerning my criminal case.
- 35 3. After initial speaking via telephone with Agent Coffin, I contacted my private criminal  
36 attorney Dennis Riordan -- at Agent Coffin's request -- so that attorney Riordan could execute a  
37 waiver of an otherwise ex parte communication in order to allow Agent Coffin and I to speak  
38 freely. Attorney Riordan promptly did so, thereby resolving any such concerns.

1 4. In a subsequent conversation shortly thereafter, Agent Coffin and I agreed to meet at Peet's  
2 Coffee in Berkeley, California at 11:00 a.m. on November 20, 2006.

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4 5. I attended the meeting with another privately retained attorney -- John Kirke, Esq. -- who  
5 acted as my legal counsel during the course of the meeting. Agent Coffin was joined by another  
6 FBI agent whose identity is not presently known.

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8 6. The conversation between myself and Agent Coffin centered on whether the FBI and the U.S.  
9 Attorney's Office was aware prior to seeking the grand jury indictment that AT&T and the other  
10 long-distance carriers were beneficiaries, rather than victims, of my business activity which  
11 ultimately was the subject of the instant criminal prosecution. Agent Coffin unequivocally  
12 admitted that the government -- including the FBI and the U.S. Attorney's Office -- was aware of  
13 the plain fact that AT&T and the other LD carriers were beneficiaries who parted with no monies  
14 based upon my calling activity.

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16 7. After explaining my position that AT&T was reaping multi-million dollar rewards via mark-  
17 ups to consumers of the payphone surcharge while underpaying payphone owners, Agent Coffin  
18 admitted that the FBI had known since nearly the inception of the investigation and prosecution  
19 that AT&T and the other LD carriers had financially benefited from my calling activity.

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21 I hereby declare, under penalty of perjury, that the aforementioned is true and accurate to the best  
22 of my knowledge as sworn on this 23 day of July 2007 in the County of Kern.

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24   
25 DANIEL DAVID

# **Exhibit Two**

Charles F. A. Carbone, Esq. (SBN 206536)  
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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
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**DECLARATION OF JOHN KIRKE, ESQ.**

I, John Kirke, Esq., hereby declares as follows:

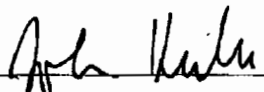
1. I am a member in good standing with the State Bar of California, and would competently testify to the following matters if called to do so:
2. On or near November 20, 2006, I attended a meeting with Daniel N. David and FBI Agent Steve Coffin and another FBI agent at the request of Daniel David to act as Mr. David's counsel for the sole purposes of this meeting.
3. Although I did not directly participate in the conversation, I did observe that the discussion concerned whether the government was aware prior to Mr. David's trial that AT&T and other

DECLARATION OF JOHN KIRKE, ESQ.

long-distance ("LD") carriers were beneficiaries, rather than victims, of David's business activity which ultimately was the subject of a criminal prosecution.

4. In my presence, Agent Coffin admitted that the government was aware of the plain fact that AT&T and other LD carriers were beneficiaries who did not incur financial loss based upon Mr. David's calling activity.

I hereby declare, under penalty of perjury, that the aforementioned is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge as sworn on this 7th day of August 2007 in the County of Alameda.

  
JOHN KIRKE, ESQ.

DECLARATION OF JOHN KIRKE, ESQ.



# **Exhibit Three**

1 DAVID W. SHAPIRO (NYSBN 2054054)  
2 United States Attorney

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10 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
11 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

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13 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

14 Plaintiff,

15 v.

16 DANIEL DAVID and  
17 SCOTT D. NISBET,

18 Defendants.  
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VIOLATIONS: 18 U.S.C. § 371 –  
Conspiracy; 18 U.S.C. § 1341 – Mail Fraud;  
18 U.S.C. §§ 1956(a)(1)(B)(i) & (a)(1)(A)(i)  
– Laundering of Monetary Instruments; 18  
U.S.C. § 2 – Aiding & Abetting; 26 U.S.C. §  
7206(1) – Making and Subscribing a False  
Return; 18 U.S.C. § 982(a)(1) – Forfeiture

SAN FRANCISCO VENUE

21 INDICTMENT

22 The Grand Jury charges:

23 INTRODUCTION

24 1. At all times relevant to this Indictment, Pacific Bell Telephone Company  
25 (hereafter “Pacific Bell”) engaged in the business of leasing payphone lines, primarily to  
26 businesses and commercial establishments (hereafter “Payphone Leasors”). Pacific Bell charged  
27 a fee for each local telephone call made from a leased payphone. Similarly, long-distance  
28 telephone carriers charged a fee for each long-distance telephone call made from a leased

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1 payphone. The fee was collected when the caller deposited money into the Pacific Bell  
2 payphone, used a calling card, or called collect. Fees for toll-free or 800-number telephone calls  
3 from leased Pacific Bell payphones were paid to long-distance telephone carriers by the business  
4 or entity which had established the toll-free number.

5 2. At all times relevant to this Indictment, long-distance telephone carriers agreed to  
6 split the profits from payphone calls with the Payphone Leasors. In the case of toll-free calls,  
7 Payphone Leasors were paid approximately 24 cents per call.

8 COUNT ONE: (18 U.S.C. § 371 – Conspiracy)

9 3. The allegations contained in paragraphs One and Two are realleged and  
10 incorporated by reference as if set forth herein.

11 4. In or about and between April 1998 and April 2000, both dates being approximate  
12 and inclusive, in the Northern District of California and elsewhere, the defendants

13 DANIEL DAVID and  
14 SCOTT D. NISBET

15 did knowingly and intentionally combine, conspire and agree to commit mail fraud, in violation  
16 of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1341 as follows:

17 MEANS AND METHODS OF CONSPIRACY AND FRAUDULENT SCHEME

18 5. DAVID and NISBET leased 24 payphone lines from Pacific Bell (hereafter  
19 “Leased Payphone Lines”) using the fictitious names Bill Jansen and Dave Jacobs.

20 6. DAVID and NISBET arranged for Pacific Bell to install the Leased Payphone  
21 Lines at 139 Mitchell Ave., No. 107, South San Francisco, California.

22 7. DAVID and NISBET programmed an automatic telephone dialing system to make  
23 calls to toll-free numbers from the Leased Payphone Lines in order to collect fees.

24 8. DAVID and NISBET rented a mailbox at Mail & More in Scottsdale, Arizona in  
25 the names of Bill Jansen and Dave Jacobs using a fictitious notary stamp.

26 9. DAVID and NISBET directed long-distance telephone carriers through Pacific  
27 Bell to mail dividend checks made payable to “Bill Jansen and Dave Jacobs” for toll calls made  
28 from the Leased Payphone Lines to Mail & More in Arizona.

10. DAVID and NISBET directed Mail & More to send the Leased Payphone Lines dividend checks to San Francisco.

11. A friend of DAVID's who is an attorney (hereafter "Attorney Doe") deposited Leased Payphone Lines dividend checks made payable to Bill Jansen and Dave Jacobs from the Leased Payphone Lines into Attorney Doe's trust account and Doe wrote checks made payable to DAVID in identical amounts.

12. DAVID and NISBET created four shell corporations in Nevada, including Breeze Communications.

13. DAVID and NISBET informed Pacific Bell that the identity of the Payphone Leasors for the Leased Payphone Lines had been changed from Bill Jansen and Dave Jacobs to Breeze Communications and Mark Ryan, a fictitious person, and asked that future dividend checks for toll calls from the Leased Payphone Lines be made payable to “Breeze Communications and Mark Ryan”.

## OVERT ACTS

14. In furtherance of the conspiracy and to effect the objects thereof, in the Northern District of California, and elsewhere, DAVID and NISBET committed the following overt acts, among others:

a. On or about April 22, 1998, NISBET rented office space at 139 Mitchell Ave., No. 107, South San Francisco, California.

b. On or about May 1998, NISBET purchased a 24-line Audisys automatic telephone dialing system from Buffalo, International, Inc. in Valhalla, New York.

c. On or about October 5, 1999, an unidentified person using the name "David Scott" picked up a package mailed from Mail & More containing Leased Payphone Lines dividend checks made payable to Bill Jansen and Dave Jacobs at the United Airlines cargo desk at San Francisco International Airport in San Bruno, California.

d. On or about May 3, 1999, NISBET requested that his tax accountant (hereafter "Tax Accountant") create four shell corporations in Nevada named Breeze Communications, Boxcar Communications, Bamboo Communications and Pelican

Communications.

All in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371.

**COUNTS TWO THROUGH EIGHT: (18 U.S.C. §§ 1341 & 2 – Mail Fraud and Aiding and Abetting)**

15. The allegations contained in paragraphs One through Thirteen are realleged and incorporated by reference as if set forth herein.

16. In or about the dates indicated below, which are approximate and inclusive, in the Northern District of California and elsewhere, the defendants

DANIEL DAVID and  
SCOTT D. NISBET

having devised and intending to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud, and to obtain money and property by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises, did for the purpose of executing that scheme, knowingly cause to be placed in a post office and authorized depository for mail matter, the following:

COUNT	APPROXIMATE DATE OF MAILING	ITEM MAILED
2	January 4, 1999	NPC check in the amount of \$126,453.89 made payable to "Bill Jansen and Dave Jacobs"
3	March 23, 1999	Sprint check in the amount of \$22,157.68 made payable to "Bill Jansen and Dave Jacobs c/o Jansen, Bill, Ryan, Mark"
4	April 1, 1999	NPC check in the amount of \$88,779.96 made payable to "Bill Jansen and Dave Jacobs"
5	June 24, 1999	Sprint check in the amount of \$15,473.17 made payable to "Bill Jansen and Dave Jacobs c/o Jansen, Bill, Ryan, Mark"
6	July 1, 1999	NPC check in the amount of \$147,759.74 made payable to "Bill Jansen and Dave Jacobs"
7	September 22, 1999	Sprint check in the amount of \$22,790.89 made payable to "Bill Jansen and Dave Jacobs c/o Jansen, Bill, Ryan, Mark"
8	October 1, 1999	NPC check in the amount of \$20,783.58 made payable to "Bill Jansen and Dave Jacobs"

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1341 and 2.

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**COUNT NINE THROUGH THIRTEEN:** (18 U.S.C. § 18 U.S.C. 1956(a)(1)(B)(i) – Laundering of Monetary Instruments.)

17. The allegations contained in paragraphs One through Thirteen and Counts One through Eight are realleged and incorporated by reference as if set forth.

18. In or about the dates indicated below, which are approximate and inclusive, in the Northern District of California and elsewhere, the defendant

DANIEL DAVID

did knowingly conduct financial transactions with the proceeds of a specified unlawful activity, to wit, mail fraud, a violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section 1341, knowing that the financial transactions were designed, in whole or in part, to conceal and disguise the nature, location, source, ownership and control of the proceeds of the specified unlawful activity, as follows:

Count	Date	Financial Transaction	Amount
9	February 5, 1999	Deposit of check from Attorney Doe into DAVID's Bank of America Account #05319-11191	\$100,000
10	February 5, 1999	Deposit of check from Attorney Doe into DAVID's Bank of America Account #05314-09803	\$26,453.89
11	April 26, 1999	Deposit of check from Attorney Doe into DAVID's Bank of America Account #05319-11191	\$110,937.64
12	July 20, 1999	Deposit of check from Attorney Doe into DAVID's Bank of America Account #05319-11191	\$163,232.91
13	October 28, 1999	Deposit of check from Attorney Doe into DAVID's Bank of America Account #05314-09803	\$43,574.47

All in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1956(a)(1)(B)(i).

**COUNTS FOURTEEN AND FIFTEEN:** (18 U.S.C. § 18 U.S.C. 1956(a)(1)(A)(i) – Laundering of Monetary Instruments.)

19. The allegations contained in paragraphs One through Thirteen and Counts One Through Eight are realleged and incorporated by reference as if set forth fully herein.

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20. In or about the dates indicated below, which are approximate and inclusive, in the Northern District of California and elsewhere, the defendant

SCOTT D. NISBET

did knowingly conduct financial transactions with the proceeds of a specified unlawful activity, to wit, mail fraud, a violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section 1341, with the intent to promote the carrying on of a specified unlawful activity, as follows:

Count	Date	Financial Transaction	Amount
14	April 27, 1999	Check # 921 from Bank of America Account # 10872-15165 to Tax Accountant	\$3,000
15	April 29, 1999	Check #922 from Bank of America Account # 10872-15165 to Tax Accountant	\$2,500

All in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1956(a)(1)(A)(i).

COUNT SIXTEEN: (26 U.S.C. § 7206(1) – Making and Subscribing a False Return)

21. On or about October 16, 2000, in the Northern District of California and elsewhere, the defendant

DANIEL DAVID,

then a resident of Berkeley, California, did willfully make and subscribe a False United States Individual Income Tax Return, Form 1040, which was verified by a written declaration that it was made under the penalties of perjury and which was filed with the Internal Revenue Service, which he did not believe to be true and correct as to every material matter in that the said United States Individual Income Tax Return, Form 1040, included a fraudulent bad debt expense deduction of \$349,750, in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7206(1).

COUNT SEVENTEEN: (18 U.S.C. § 982(a)(1) – Forfeiture)

22. The allegations contained in paragraphs One through Twenty-One and Counts One through Fifteen are realleged and incorporated by reference as if set forth herein.

23. As a result of the offenses alleged in Counts One through Thirteen above, defendant

DANIEL DAVID

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1 shall forfeit to the United States the sum of \$444,198.91, as property involved in or traceable to  
2 said money laundering violations.

3 24. If, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant, any of said property

4 a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;

5 b. has been transferred or sold to or deposited with, a third person;

6 c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;

7 d. has been substantially diminished in value; or

8 e. has been commingled with other property which without difficulty cannot  
9 be subdivided;

10 then the defendant shall forfeit to the United States any and all interest defendant has in any other  
11 property (not to exceed the value of the above forfeitable property), including but not limited to  
12 the following:

13 Real property and improvements located at 406 Berkeley Park Boulevard,  
14 Kensington, California 94707, identified by Assessor's Parcel Number 571-332-  
008, an more particularly described in attachment A.

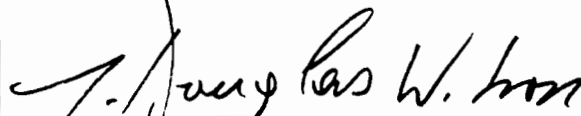
15 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(1).

16 DATED:


A TRUE BILL.

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18 FOREPERSON

19 DAVID W. SHAPIRO  
20 United States Attorney

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22 J. DOUGLAS WILSON  
23 Chief, Criminal Division

24 (Approved as to form:   
25 AUSA JACOBS

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DAVID/NISBET

# **Exhibit Four**

KEVIN V. RYAN (CSBN 118321)  
United States Attorney

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

DANIEL DAVID and  
SCOTT D. NISBET,

Defendants.

No. CR-02-0062-SI

VIOLATIONS: 18 U.S.C. § 371 –  
Conspiracy; 18 U.S.C. § 1341 – Mail Fraud;  
18 U.S.C. § 1342 – Using Fictitious Names  
for Fraudulent Scheme; 18 U.S.C. §§  
1956(a)(1)(B)(i) & (a)(1)(A)(i) – Laundering  
of Monetary Instruments; 18 U.S.C. § 2 –  
Aiding & Abetting; 18 U.S.C. § 982(a)(1) –  
Forfeiture

SAN FRANCISCO VENUE

SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges:

INTRODUCTION

1. At all times relevant to this Indictment, Pacific Bell Telephone Company (hereafter "Pacific Bell") engaged in the business of leasing payphone lines, primarily to businesses and commercial establishments (hereafter "Payphone Leasors"). Pacific Bell charged a fee for each local telephone call made from a leased payphone line. Similarly, long-distance telephone carriers charged a fee for each long-distance telephone call made from a leased payphone line. A caller using a payphone typically would pay for using the payphone line by

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1 depositing money into the payphone, using a calling card, or calling collect. A caller using a  
2 payphone to call a toll-free number (such as an "800" number), however, typically would not  
3 have to make any payment. In such cases, the toll-free number subscriber would pay for the call  
4 by paying a fee to a long-distance carrier. The long-distance carrier would use part of that fee to  
5 pay Payphone Leasors for allowing their payphones to be used to call toll-free numbers.

6 2. At all times relevant to this Indictment, toll-free number subscribers paid fees to  
7 long-distance telephone carriers directly for toll-free calls made to the toll-free numbers from  
8 payphones. In turn, the long-distance carriers agreed to pay to Payphone Leasors a fee of  
9 approximately 24 cents for each call made from the payphone line to toll-free telephone numbers.  
10 Some long-distance carriers made payments to Payphone Leasors through a service called the  
11 National Payphone Clearinghouse.

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13 COUNT ONE: (18 U.S.C. § 371 – Conspiracy)

14 3. The allegations contained in paragraphs One and Two are realleged and  
15 incorporated by reference as if set forth herein.

16 4. In or about and between April 1998 and April 2000, both dates being approximate  
17 and inclusive, in the Northern District of California and elsewhere, the defendants

18 DANIEL DAVID and  
19 SCOTT D. NISBET

20 did knowingly and intentionally combine, conspire and agree to commit mail fraud and to use  
21 fictitious names for the purpose of conducting mail fraud and conducting an unlawful business in  
22 violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1341 and 1342 as follows:

23 MEANS AND METHODS OF CONSPIRACY AND FRAUDULENT SCHEME

24 5. DAVID and NISBET leased 23 payphone lines from Pacific Bell (hereafter  
25 "Leased Payphone Lines") using the fictitious names Bill Jansen and Dave Jacobs.

26 6. DAVID and NISBET arranged for Pacific Bell to install the Leased Payphone  
27 Lines at 139 Mitchell Ave., No. 107, South San Francisco, California.

28 7. DAVID and NISBET, through concealment and omission, did not disclose to



1 Pacific Bell and the long-distance carriers the material facts that they did not intend to and in fact  
2 did not attach payphones or any other telephones to the Leased Payphone Lines.

3 8. DAVID and NISBET programmed and operated an automatic telephone dialing  
4 system to make calls to toll-free numbers from the Leased Payphone Lines so they could collect a  
5 portion of the fees the toll-free number owners paid the long-distance carriers.

6 9. DAVID and NISBET, through concealment and omission, did not disclose to  
7 Pacific Bell and the long-distance carriers the material fact that the thousands of calls made to  
8 toll-free telephone numbers over the Leased Payphone Lines were made by an autodialer as  
9 opposed to actual callers using payphones.

10 10. DAVID and NISBET rented a mailbox at Mail & More in Scottsdale, Arizona in  
11 the fictitious, false, and assumed names of Bill Jansen and Dave Jacobs using a fictitious notary  
12 stamp.

13 11. DAVID and NISBET directed long-distance telephone carriers and their  
14 representatives, through Pacific Bell, to mail the checks for the fees accumulated by the  
15 fraudulent calls to toll-free telephone numbers over the Leased Payphone Lines to the fictitious,  
16 false, and assumed names "Bill Jansen" and "Dave Jacobs" at the Mail & More mailbox in  
17 Arizona.

18 12. DAVID and NISBET directed long-distance telephone carriers and their  
19 representatives, through Pacific Bell, to make the checks for the fees payable to the fictitious,  
20 false, and assumed names "Bill Jansen" and "Dave Jacobs."

21 13. DAVID and NISBET directed Mail & More to send the checks for the fees to  
22 locations in the Northern District of California.

23 14. DAVID and NISBET created four shell corporations in Nevada, including Breeze  
24 Communications.

25 15. DAVID and NISBET informed Pacific Bell that the identity of the Payphone  
26 Leasors for the Leased Payphone Lines had been changed from Bill Jansen and Dave Jacobs to  
27 Breeze Communications and Mark Ryan, a fictitious person, and asked that future checks for fees

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1 for calls made to toll-free numbers over the Leased Payphone Lines be made payable to "Breeze  
2 Communications and Mark Ryan."

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4 OVERT ACTS

5 16. In furtherance of the conspiracy and to effect the objects thereof, in the Northern  
6 District of California, and elsewhere, DAVID and NISBET committed the following overt acts,  
7 among others:

8 a. On or about April 22, 1998, NISBET rented office space at 139 Mitchell  
9 Ave., No. 107, South San Francisco, California.

10 b. On or about May 1998, NISBET purchased a 24-line Audisys automatic  
11 telephone dialing system from Buffalo, International, Inc. in Valhalla, New York.

12 c. On or about October 5, 1999, a coconspirator using the name "David  
13 Scott" picked up a package mailed from Mail & More containing Leased Payphone Lines  
14 dividend checks made payable to Bill Jansen and Dave Jacobs at the United Airlines cargo desk  
15 at San Francisco International Airport in San Bruno, California.

16 d. On or about May 3, 1999, NISBET requested that his tax accountant create  
17 four shell corporations in Nevada named Breeze Communications, Boxcar Communications,  
18 Bamboo Communications and Pelican Communications.

19 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

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21 COUNTS TWO THROUGH EIGHT: (18 U.S.C. §§ 1341 & 2 – Mail Fraud and Aiding and  
22 Abetting)

23 17. The allegations contained in paragraphs One through Fifteen are realleged and  
24 incorporated by reference as if set forth herein.

25 18. On or about the dates indicated below, which are approximate and inclusive, in  
26 the Northern District of California and elsewhere, the defendants

27 DANIEL DAVID and  
SCOTT D. NISBET

28 having devised and intending to devise and willfully participate in a scheme and artifice to

defraud Pacific Bell, long-distance telephone carriers, and toll-free telephone number subscribers to obtain money and property by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises, did for the purpose of executing that scheme and attempting to do so, knowingly cause to be placed in a post office and authorized depository for mail matter, to be delivered by the U.S. Postal Service to Scottsdale, Arizona and later by private and commercial interstate carrier to the Northern District of California, the following:

COUNT	APPROXIMATE DATE OF MAILINGS	ITEM MAILED
2	January 4, 1999 to January 21, 1999	NPC check in the amount of \$126,453.89 made payable to "Jansen, Bill & Jacobs, Dave"
3	March 23, 1999 to April 13, 1999	Sprint check in the amount of \$22,157.68 made payable to "Jansen, Bill & Jacobs, Dave c/o Jansen, Bill Ryan, Mark"
4	April 1, 1999 to April 13, 1999	NPC check in the amount of \$88,779.96 made payable to "Jansen, Bill & Jacobs, Dave"
5	June 24, 1999 to July 9, 1999	Sprint check in the amount of \$15,473.17 made payable to "Jansen, Bill & Jacobs, Dave c/o Jansen, Bill Ryan, Mark"
6	July 1, 1999 to July 9, 1999	NPC check in the amount of \$147,759.74 made payable to "Jansen, Bill & Jacobs, Dave"
7	September 22, 1999 to October 8, 1999	Sprint check in the amount of \$22,790.89 made payable to "Jansen, Bill & Jacobs, Dave c/o Jansen, Bill Ryan, Mark"
8	October 1, 1999 to October 8, 1999	NPC check in the amount of \$20,783.58 made payable to "Jansen, Bill & Jacobs, Dave"

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1341 and 2.

COUNTS NINE THROUGH FIFTEEN: (18 U.S.C. §§ 1342 and 2 - Using Fictitious Name for Fraudulent Scheme and Aiding and Abetting)

19. The allegations contained in paragraphs One through Fifteen are realleged and incorporated by reference as if set forth herein.

20. On or about the dates indicated below, which are approximate and inclusive, in

the Northern District of California and elsewhere, the defendants

DANIEL DAVID and  
SCOTT D. NISBET

for the purpose of conducting, promoting, and carrying on by means of the Postal Service, a  
scheme mentioned in Title 18, United States Code, Section 1341, and an unlawful business, that  
is, the operation of an automatic telephone dialing system to make calls to numbers for which the  
called party is charged for the call, in violation of Title 47, United States Code, Section  
227(b)(1)(A)(iii), did use, assume, and request to be addressed by fictitious, false, and assumed  
names other than their proper names, and did take and receive mail matter from an authorized  
depository of mail matter addressed to any such fictitious, false, and assumed names other than  
their proper names as follows:

COUNT	APPROXIMATE DATE OF MAILING	FICTITIOUS NAMES USED
9	January 4, 1999	Bill Jansen and Dave Jacobs
10	March 23, 1999	Bill Jansen, Dave Jacobs, and Mark Ryan
11	April 1, 1999	Bill Jansen and Dave Jacobs
12	June 24, 1999	Bill Jansen, Dave Jacobs, and Mark Ryan
13	July 1, 1999	Bill Jansen and Dave Jacobs
14	September 22, 1999	Bill Jansen, Dave Jacobs, and Mark Ryan
15	October 1, 1999	Bill Jansen and Dave Jacobs

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1342 and 2.

COUNT SIXTEEN THROUGH TWENTY: (18 U.S.C. § 18 U.S.C. 1956(a)(1)(B)(i) -  
Laundering of Monetary Instruments)

21. On or about the dates indicated below, which are approximate and inclusive, in  
the Northern District of California and elsewhere, the defendant

DANIEL DAVID

did knowingly conduct financial transactions with the proceeds of a specified unlawful activity,



to wit, mail fraud, a violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section 1341, knowing that the financial transactions were designed at least in part to conceal and disguise the nature, location, source, ownership and control of the proceeds of the specified unlawful activity, as follows:

Count	Date	Financial Transaction	Amount
16	February 5, 1999	Deposit of check from Attorney Doe into DAVID's Bank of America Account #05319-11191	\$100,000
17	February 5, 1999	Deposit of check from Attorney Doe into DAVID's Bank of America Account #05314-09803	\$26,453.89
18	April 26, 1999	Deposit of check from Attorney Doe into DAVID's Bank of America Account #05319-11191	\$110,937.64
19	July 20, 1999	Deposit of check from Attorney Doe into DAVID's Bank of America Account #05319-11191	\$163,232.91
20	October 28, 1999	Deposit of check from Attorney Doe into DAVID's Bank of America Account #05314-09803	\$43,574.47

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(a)(1)(B)(i).

**COUNTS TWENTY-ONE AND TWENTY-TWO:** (18 U.S.C. § 1956(a)(1)(A)(i) – Laundering of Monetary Instruments.)

22. On or about the dates indicated below, which are approximate and inclusive, in the Northern District of California and elsewhere, the defendant

**SCOTT D. NISBET**

did knowingly conduct financial transactions with the proceeds of a specified unlawful activity, to wit, mail fraud, a violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section 1341, with the intent to promote the carrying on of a specified unlawful activity, as follows:

Count	Date	Financial Transaction	Amount
21	April 27, 1999	Check # 921 from Bank of America Account # 10872-15165 to Tax Accountant	\$3,000
22	April 29, 1999	Check #922 from Bank of America Account # 10872-15165 to Tax Accountant	\$2,500

All in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1956(a)(1)(A)(i).

COUNT TWENTY-THREE: (18 U.S.C. § 982(a)(1) – Forfeiture)

23. The allegations contained in paragraphs One through Sixteen and Counts One through Fifteen are realleged and incorporated by reference as if set forth herein.

24. As a result of the offenses alleged in Counts One through Eight and Sixteen through Twenty above, defendant

DANIEL DAVID

shall forfeit to the United States the sum of \$444,198.91, as property involved in or traceable to said money laundering violations.

25. If, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant, any of said property

- a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- b. has been transferred or sold to or deposited with, a third person;
- c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;
- d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
- e. has been commingled with other property which without difficulty cannot be subdivided;

then the defendant shall forfeit to the United States any and all interest defendant has in any other

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1 property (not to exceed the value of the above forfeitable property), including but not limited to  
2 the following:

3 Real property and improvements located at 406 Berkeley Park Boulevard,  
4 Kensington, California 94707, identified by Assessor's Parcel Number 571-332-008.

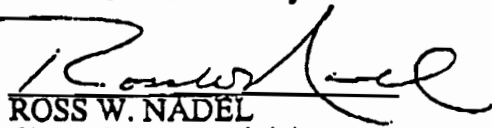
5 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(1).


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United States Attorney

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12 ROSS W. NADEL  
Chief, Criminal Division

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DAVID/NISBET CR-02-0062-SI

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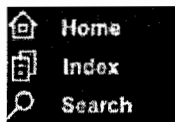
March 8, 2002

The United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of California announced that Daniel David and Scott D. Nisbet were indicted late yesterday on charges of mail fraud, conspiracy and money laundering, as well as tax fraud for Mr. David. Mr. David and Mr. Nisbet are alleged to have engaged in a scheme in which they leased two dozen payphone lines from Pacific Bell, routed the phone lines to an empty office, hooked up the lines to an autodialer and made countless telephone calls to 800-numbers in order to collect money from the phone companies. The defendants are alleged to have received nearly half a million dollars in their scheme.

Mr. David, age 36, and Mr. Nisbet, age 38, both of whom live in Berkeley, are charged in a 17-count indictment returned yesterday afternoon by a federal grand jury in San Francisco. They are charged with conspiracy in violation of 18 U.S.C., Section 371, mail fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C., Section 1341, and money laundering in violation of 18 U.S.C. 1956. In addition, the indictment charges Daniel David with tax fraud in violation of 26 U.S.C., Section 7306(1)(making and subscribing a false return), and seeks forfeiture of \$444,198.91 in a house owned by Mr. David in Kensington, California.

According to the indictment, the defendants leased 24 payphone lines, 23 of which were routed to an office space in South San Francisco. The defendants knew that they would receive approximately 24 cents for every toll-free call made from each payphone. This financial arrangement occurs because payphone owners or lessors receive some share of the profits from the phone companies as a result of the calls made from their payphones. In the case of toll-free calls, the 800 number which is called has to pay a fee per call to the long-distance carrier. The long-distance carrier in turn shares the profit with the owners or lessors of the payphone from which the call is made. That amount is approximately 24 cents.

The indictment charges that the defendants leased the phone lines using fictitious names: Bill Jansen and Dave Jacobs. After the



programmed an automated dialer to make more than a million calls to 800-numbers. Then the defendants instructed the phone companies to cut checks to them made payable to the fictitious Jansen and Jacobs, and directed that the dividend checks from the fraud be sent to a mail drop in Arizona. The mail box drop was opened in the name of Jacobs and Jansen using a fake notary stamp. Daniel David and Scott Nisbet then arranged to have the checks, which were made payable to Jansen and Jacobs, sent to them in San Francisco. In one case, the checks were sent via United Airlines cargo service and picked up by an individual using another apparently fake name made up of one defendant's last name and the other's first name: David Scott.

The defendants are also charged with laundering the proceeds of their fraudulent scheme. In particular, Daniel David is alleged to have arranged with a friend who was an attorney to have the checks made payable to Jansen and Jacobs deposited into the attorney's client trust account. At Mr. David's direction, the attorney wrote checks to Mr. David in identical amounts. Mr. David then deposited those checks into his personal account at the Bank of America. Mr. Nisbet is also alleged to have committed money laundering by using proceeds from the illegal scheme to pay a tax accountant to set up four shell corporations in Nevada for the purpose of further concealing the fraud from the telephone companies.

Mr. David is charged with tax fraud as well. After laundering approximately \$444,000 from the scheme, Daniel David reported the proceeds as income on his tax returns, but then claimed, falsely, that he had not been paid \$349,750 and deducted that amount as a bad debt expense.

The maximum statutory penalty for each count in violation of 18 U.S.C., Section 1341 (mail fraud) is five years in prison, three years of supervised release, a \$250,000 fine and restitution. The maximum statutory penalty for each count in violation of 18 U.S.C., Section 1956 (money laundering) is 20 years in prison, three years of supervised release, and a \$500,000 fine or twice the value of the laundered funds, whichever is greater. The maximum statutory penalty for making and subscribing a false return in violation of Title 26 U.S.C., Section 7206 (1) is three years in prison, a \$100,000 fine, a \$100 special assessment plus the costs of prosecution. However, any sentence following conviction would be dictated by the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of factors, and would be imposed in the discretion of the Court. An indictment simply contains allegations against an individual and, as with all defendants, Mr. David and Mr. Nisbet must be presumed innocent unless and until convicted.

The prosecution is the result of a three-year investigation by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation division. Matthew J. Jacobs is the Assistant U.S. Attorney who is prosecuting the case with the assistance of legal technician Elaine Rene-McCoy.

The defendant's first appearance in federal court will be March 18, 2002 at 9:30 a.m. before Magistrate Judge Joseph C. Spero.

A copy of this press release and related court documents may be found on the U.S. Attorney's Office's website at

All press inquiries to the U.S. Attorney's Office should be directed to Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew J. Jacobs at (415)436-7181.

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